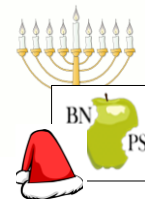


Wednesday's Wisdom

December 2014



WARM WISHES

The Staff at the Bureau of Nutrition Programs and Services wishes all of you and yours a very Happy Holiday Season.

PLE Tip

As we enter the year 2015, we would like to remind you that the School Year 15/16 Paid Lunch Equity tool is available on our website. Doing the PLE tool as soon as possible this school year will make the application process for next school year that much easier. Please go to: http://education.nh.gov/program/nutrition/school_lunch.htm

The Great Garden Detective Adventure

The Great Garden Detective Adventure is a series of investigations and fun experiences connecting the school garden to the classroom, school cafeteria and home. This eleven-lesson curriculum for 3rd and 4th grades includes bulletin board materials, veggie dice, fruit and vegetable flash cards, and ten issues of Garden Detective News for parents/caregivers. This may be found on the USDA Team Nutrition website

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/great-garden-detective>. Note that Team Nutrition print materials are available only to schools that participate in the Federal Child Nutrition Programs. All others are welcome to download the materials from the Team Nutrition website at teamnutrition.usda.gov.

Have you considered an After School Snack or Meal Program?

Does your district have a lot of activities occurring after the end of the regular school day?

Are some of these educational or enrichment activities?

The Afterschool Snack/M Meal Program helps children obtain the nutritious foods they need in a safe, supervised environment. The USDA provides reimbursements for snacks/meals served at afterschool programs offering enrichment or education activities as an extension of the National School Lunch Program or, in the case of afterschool meals, the Child and Adult Care Food Program. For many children this may be their only access to healthy foods after the school day ends.

To learn more about this program please go to website at:
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/atriskhandbook.pdf>

BNPS has a new phone system!

The staff at the Bureau of Nutrition Programs and Services at the NH Department of Education has a new phone system. Please see below for direct lines and please bear with us as we get used to the new system. We will try not to lose your phone call or transfer you to the Department of Environmental Services!

General calls (main phone line) – 271-3646

Judy Gosselin, NSLP, SBP and SFSP – 271-3862

Carole Dennis, CACFP – 271-3883

Carol Angowski, ARTs – 271-3863

Tami Drake, FFVP, claim & application questions - 271-3647

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